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For : TREATMENT TOOL FOR ENDOSCOPE HAVING END EFFECTOR
OPERATING LIKE PINCERS

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of December 27, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 27, 2006, which has been extended by three months by Applicant's Request for Extension of Time and payment of the requisite fee, and concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections together with an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application, in due course.

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